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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD**SUBJECT: CIA Building - Cafeteria**

1. In earlier discussions with the Public Buildings Service, as is reflected in some of my memoranda for record, I received the distinct impression that if our building were to be operated by the PBS, they would be bound, by an existent master contract, to have the cafeteria operated by Government Services, Inc.

2. Some time ago I requested from PBS a copy of the master contract, which I received today. Upon study of that contract, I find that my earlier impression was in error. I telephoned Mr. Lewis Ely of PBS and verified my conclusions as given below. He stated that I must have misunderstood his earlier comments.

3. CONCLUSIONS: If CIA operates its own building, we may have the cafeteria managed by whomever we like. If PBS operates the building, the cafeteria may be managed by whomever the Commissioner likes. The master contract gives GSI no right to operate cafeterias or other facilities in public buildings unless requested to do so by the Commissioner. As a matter of previous policy, Mr. Ely informed me that there has been only one instance since the contract was written where GSI was not requested to operate the cafeteria; he declined to identify this instance. Since the Commissioner is not bound to GSI by law, he could properly accede to any request by this Agency that the cafeteria or any other facility be operated by concessionaires other than GSI.

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